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FOR: OPHTHALMIC OINTMENT COMPOSITION COMPRISING A DRUG,
AN OINTMENT BASE AND A SOLUBILIZING/DISPERSING AGENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.